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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1992 in section I, the organization of work in section II and the annotations to the provisional agenda in section III.

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1992 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 1992 (decision 1992/205).

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1992

High-level segment:

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system.

3. Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system.

4. Conclusion of the high-level segment with the presentation of a summary by the President.

Other segments:

1. Election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

   (a) Assistance in the eradication of poverty and support to vulnerable groups, including assistance during the implementation of structural adjustment programmes;

   (b) Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and programmes addressed to the mitigation of its negative socio-economic consequences.

4. Operational activities for development.

5. Technical cooperation among developing countries as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields.

6. Coordination questions:

   (a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

   (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

   (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics.

7. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council.

8. Programme and related questions.

9. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance:

   (a) Special programmes of economic assistance;

   (b) Humanitarian assistance;

   (c) Disaster relief coordination.

10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

11. Regional cooperation.

12. Development and international economic cooperation:

   (a) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

   (b) Trade and development;

   (c) Food and agricultural development;

   (d) International cooperation in tax matters;

   (e) Transnational corporations;

   (f) International Conference on Population and Development;

   (g) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy;

   (h) Development of the energy resources of developing countries;

   (i) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences for Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait;

(j) Consumer protection;

(k) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).

13. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

14. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

15. Public administration and finance.

16. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

17. Human rights questions.

18. Advancement of women.

19. Social development questions:

(a) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(b) Social development.

20. Narcotic drugs.

21. Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Council.

22. Elections.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed programme of work for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 1992, which appears below, is based this year on the recommendations addressed to the Secretary-General in the annex to General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and on Council decision 1992/217 of 30 April 1992. Other relevant resolutions and decisions of the Council have also been taken into account. 1/

The substantive session of the Council of 1992 will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 29 June to 31 July.

1/ See also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989.

A. Plenary meetings

The session will open at 3 o'clock on Monday, 29 June.

In addition to the items allocated for consideration in plenary meetings, the Council will also hold in plenary meeting, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, a high-level segment (6-8 July), a coordination segment (9-14 July) and an operational activities segment (15-17 July). A brief description of those segments is given below.

In addition, by its decision 46/461 of 10 December 1991, the General Assembly took note of the executive summary of the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process, entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", and requested the Secretary-General to convene a meeting devoted to an informal exchange of views on the conclusions and recommendations contained in that report (A/C.2/46/12, annex, and Add.1). The Assembly invited the President of the Economic and Social Council to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the views expressed during that informal exchange.

Arrangements will be made to hold a meeting during the session for an informal exchange of views on the conclusions and recommendations of the aforementioned report.

High-level segment (plenary) 6-8 July

The high-level segment, open to all Member States with ministerial participation, will be devoted to the consideration of the theme entitled "Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system". The meeting of 6 July will be reserved for statements by Ministers and other high-level representatives.

A one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation will take place during this segment on 7 July. In this context, heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system are invited to participate actively in this dialogue and discuss matters of mutual interest with a view to building areas of understanding.

During the three-day period, heads of delegations will be requested to make no more than three interventions of no longer than five minutes each and will be requested to circulate their main statements beforehand. A press conference or briefing session with the media will be organized for heads of delegation who so desire it.

Throughout the segment, the President of the Council is expected to take a leading role in stimulating interaction among the participants, summarizing the discussions as they progress and initiating the successive stages of the dialogue.

The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment will be presented to the Council in the form of a summary by the President of the Council.

It is proposed that the list of speakers on the high-level segment be closed on 7 July at 1 p.m.

Coordination segment (plenary) 9-14 July

The coordination segment will be devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system relating to the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations. Two themes were selected for this session, namely, "Assistance in the eradication of poverty and support to vulnerable groups, including assistance during the implementation of structural adjustment programmes" and "Prevention and control of AIDS and programmes addressed to the mitigation of its negative socio-economic consequences".

Executive heads of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system invited to take part in the discussion will be requested to have their statements circulated beforehand.

The segment will begin with précis presentations of the statements of the executive heads most concerned with the subject-matter. They will be encouraged to identify coordination problems in the course of their interventions, including problems created by a lack of adequate coordination within Governments at the national level.

Without prejudice to the rights of all States to participate in the discussion, the regional and interest groups represented at the Council will be encouraged to select from among their number "discussion leaders" to undertake the necessary research work on the themes under discussion.

The segment will conclude with recommendations to the organizations of the United Nations system related to the two themes under discussion.

Operational activities segment (plenary) 15-17 July

The segment on operational activities of the United Nations system will focus, in particular, on the follow-up of policy recommendations and decisions of the General Assembly and coordination of operational activities on a system-wide basis, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77.

In its decision 1992/208, the Council decided that, when considering at its substantive session of 1992 the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its thirty-ninth session, it would not consider the part of the report dealing with the United Nations Population Fund, except for recommendations contained therein that required action by the Council (Council decision 1992/208 C).

B. Economic and Social Committees

The two committees, namely, the Economic Committee and the Social Committee, will begin their work on 29 June, immediately after the conclusion of the plenary meeting, and continue through 2 July.

The General Assembly decided that consideration of specific economic, social and related issues, including their programme implications, would be considered in two separate committees, meeting simultaneously to consider and take decisions on reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant reports.

The meetings of the Economic Committee will reconvene immediately after the operational activities segment.

The work of the Social Committee will begin immediately after the completion of the coordination segment.

The reports before these committees will be arranged in clusters, as appropriate, for consideration; discussions are to be decision-oriented, focusing on specific recommendations and issues, and are not to involve a general debate. The committees will also review and monitor the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields.

The executive secretaries of the regional commissions will address the Economic Committee under item 11. In this connection, attention is drawn to the fact that the afternoon of Wednesday, 1 July, has been allocated for the statements of the executive secretaries. Considering that, as in previous years, delegations will have an opportunity to have an informal exchange of views with the executive secretaries, members may wish to take note of that date.

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council, in connection with the questions for consideration at its substantive session, inter alia, decided:

(a) To consider under the item entitled "Regional cooperation", in pursuance of Council resolution 1982/50 of 28 July 1982 and taking into account the joint recommendations made by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 of 30 July 1982, the question of strengthening the role of the regional commissions to promote subregional, regional and interregional cooperation (Council decision 1992/206);

(b) That when considering at its substantive session of 1992 the reports of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session and the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session, it would not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained in those reports that require action by the Council

and proposals on matters related to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies (Council decision 1992/207);

(c) To consider at its substantive session of 1992 the report of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the second part of its thirty-eighth session and to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-ninth session (Council decision 1992/208 A);

(d) To authorize the Secretary-General to transmit directly to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1991 (Council decision 1992/208 B).

Availability of conference services

The attention of the Council is drawn to the following conference-servicing aspects of the substantive session:

(a) During the first week of the session (29 June-2 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings and for the two committees. For the high-level segment (6-8 July) and for the coordination segment (9-14 July), interpretation facilities will be provided for the plenary meetings only. From 15 to 17 July, interpretation facilities will be provided for concurrent meetings of the plenary for the discussion on operational activities and for the Social Committee. For the week of 20-24 July and on 27 and 28 July, interpretation facilities will be available for concurrent meetings of the plenary and the two committees. As from 29 July, interpretation services will be provided for plenary meetings only;

(b) There is no provision for conference services for night meetings during the session;

(c) Beyond the conference services allocated to the Council (see subparagraph (a) above), no additional services will be available for informal consultations or for regional or group meetings. In the event of scheduled meetings being cancelled, it is anticipated that those services could be made available for such consultations;

(d) Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will begin punctually at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Summary records and statements in explanation of vote

In its decision 1991/295, the Council decided to discontinue for a further period of one year, from 1992, summary records for its sessional committees. Delegations wishing their statements in explanation of vote to be reflected in the summary records of the Council should make such statements in plenary meetings, at the time the reports of the sessional committees are

considered, without prejudice to any other statements that they may wish to make in the committees. In this connection, observers wishing to make statements on the recommendations contained in the reports of the sessional committees are requested to do so before statements in explanation of vote are made by members of the Council.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply

It is suggested that, bearing in mind the provisions of rule 46 of the Council's rules of procedure, the Council continue its practice concerning statements in exercise of the right of reply, namely, that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item, that the number of interventions by any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per item, and that the first intervention be limited to five minutes and the second intervention be limited to three minutes.

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 1992

(New York, 29 June-31 July 1992)

PLENARY

Week of 29 June-3 July

Monday, 29 June

3 p.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Election of the Bureau
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
		Opening of the meetings of the Economic and Social Committees following the conclusion of the plenary meeting
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 6 (a)

Tuesday, 30 June

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 6	Coordination questions:
		(a) Reports of the coordination bodies
		Introduction and general discussion
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 9

Wednesday, 1 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 9	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance:
		(a) Special programmes of economic assistance
		(b) Humanitarian assistance
		(c) Disaster relief assistance
		Introduction and general discussion

Thursday, 2 July		
10 a.m.	Item 9	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (concluded)
Friday, 3 July		No meeting (holiday)

Week of 6-10 July

(High-level segment: 6-8 July)

Monday, 6 July		
10 a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda
	Item 2	Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system Statements by Ministers and other high-level representatives
3 p.m.	Item 2	Statements by Ministers and other high-level representatives (continued)
Tuesday, 7 July		
10 a.m.	Item 3	Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers for the high-level segment
3 p.m.	Item 3	Policy dialogue and discussion (concluded)
Wednesday, 8 July		
10 a.m.	Item 2	Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system (concluded)

Wednesday, 8 July (continued)

3 p.m.	Item 4	Conclusion of the high-level segment with the presentation of a summary by the President of the Council

(Coordination segment: 9-14 July)

Thursday, 9 July

10 a.m.	Item 3	Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: (a) Assistance in the eradication of poverty and support to vulnerable groups, including assistance during the implementation of structural adjustment programmes Précis presentations by executive heads
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 3 (a)
3 p.m.	Item 3 (a)	General discussion (continued)

Friday, 10 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Item 3 (a)	General discussion (continued)

Week of 13-17 July

Monday, 13 July

10 a.m.	Item 3 (a)	General discussion (concluded)
	Item 3 (b)	Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and programmes addressed to the mitigation of its negative socio-economic consequences Précis presentations by executive heads
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 3 (b)

Tuesday, 14 July

10 a.m.	Item 3 (b)	General discussion
3 p.m.	Item 3 (b)	General discussion (concluded)

(Operational activities segment: 15-17 July)

Wednesday, 15 July

10 a.m.	Item 4	Operational activities for development Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	Item 4	General discussion (continued)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 4

Thursday, 16 July

10 a.m.	Item 4	General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.	Item 4	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 5 Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 3 (a) and (b)

Friday, 17 July

10 a.m.	Item 5	Technical cooperation among developing countries as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields
3 p.m.	Item 5	Introduction and general discussion (concluded) Introduction of draft proposals under items 3 (a) and (b)

Friday, 17 July (continued)

6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on items 7 and 21
		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 4, 6 (a) and 9

Week of 20-24 July

Monday, 20 July

10 a.m.	Item 7	Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council
		Introduction and general discussion
	Item 21	Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Council
		Introduction and general discussion
3 p.m.	Item 7	Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council (concluded)
	Item 22	Elections
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 5
		Closure of list of speakers on item 8

Tuesday, 21 July

10 a.m.	Item 8	Programme and related questions
		Introduction and general discussion
		Introduction of draft proposals under items 4, 5, 6 (a) and 9

Wednesday, 22 July

10 a.m.	Item 8	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 7 and 21

Thursday, 23 July		
10 a.m.		Informal consultations on plenary items
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on items 6 (b) and (c)
		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 8
Friday, 24 July		
10 a.m.	Item 6	Coordination questions:
		(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations
		(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics
		Introduction and general discussion (concluded)
		Introduction of draft proposals under items 7 and 8
3 p.m.	Item 9	General discussion (continued)
Week of 27-31 July		
Monday, 27 July		
10 a.m.	Item 9	General discussion (concluded)
	Item 10	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
3 p.m.		Informal consultations on plenary items
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 6 (b) and (c)

Tuesday, 28 July

10 a.m.	Introduction of draft proposals under items 6 (b) and (c)
	Informal consultations on plenary items

Wednesday, 29 July

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Informal consultations on plenary items

Thursday, 30 July

10 a.m.	Consideration of the reports of the sessional committees
3 p.m.	Action on draft proposals on plenary items

Friday, 31 July

10 a.m.	Action on all outstanding draft proposals on plenary items
	Consideration of the reports of the sessional committees
3 p.m.	Consideration of remaining reports of the sessional committees
	Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 1992

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Week of 29 June-3 July

Monday, 29 June

p.m.*	Election of Vice-Chairman
	Organization of work

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* After the plenary meeting has adjourned.

Tuesday, 30 June		
10 a.m.	Item 12	Development and international economic cooperation: (a) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (b) Trade and development (g) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy (h) Development of the energy resources of developing countries Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on sub-items (a), (b), (g) and (h)
3 p.m.	Item 12	General discussion on sub-items (a), (b), (g) and (h) (continued)
Wednesday, 1 July		
10 a.m.	Item 12	General discussion on sub-items (a), (b), (g) and (h) (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 11	Regional cooperation Introduction and general discussion
6 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 11
Thursday, 2 July		
10 a.m.	Item 11	Regional cooperation (concluded)
3 p.m.	Item 12	Development and international economic cooperation: (f) International Conference on Population and Development Introduction and general discussion

Thursday, 2 July (continued)

6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12 (a), (b), (g) and (h)

Week of 20-24 July

Monday, 20 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 12 (a), (b), (g) and (h)
	Item 12	Development and international economic cooperation:
		(d) International cooperation in tax matters
		(e) Transnational corporations
		(j) Consumer protection
	Item 15	Public administration and finance
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 12 (d), (e) and (j) and item 15
3 p.m.		General discussion on item 12 (d), (e) and (j) and item 15 (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 11 and 12 (f)

Tuesday, 21 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under items 11 and 12 (f)
	Item 12	Development and international economic cooperation:

Tuesday, 21 July (continued)

		(i) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences for Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait
	Item 13	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
	Item 14	Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster
		Introduction and general discussion
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on items 12 (i), 13 and 14
3 p.m.		General discussion on items 12 (i), 13 and 14 (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 12 (d), (e) and (j) and 15

Wednesday, 22 July

10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under items 12 (d), (e) and (j) and 15
	Item 12	Development and international economic cooperation:
		(c) Food and agricultural development
		(k) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
		Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 22 July (continued)		
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on items 12 (c) and (k), 13 and 14
3 p.m.		General discussion on items 12 (c) and (k), 13 and 14 (concluded)
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 12 (i), 13 and 14
Thursday, 23 July		
10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under items 12 (i), 13 and 14
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.		Informal consultations
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12 (c) and (k)
Friday, 24 July		
10 a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals submitted under item 12 (c) and (k)
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.		Informal consultations
Week of 27-31 July		
Monday, 27 July		
10 a.m.	Item 12	Action on draft proposals submitted under sub-items (a), (b), (g) and (h)
	Item 11	Action on draft proposals
		Informal consultations
3 p.m.	Item 12	Action on draft proposals submitted under sub-items (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j) and (k)

Monday, 27 July (continued)

	Item 15	Action on draft proposals
	Item 13	Action on draft proposals
	Item 14	Action on draft proposals
		Informal consultations
Tuesday, 28 July		
10 a.m.		Action on all outstanding draft proposals
3 p.m.		Conclusion of the work of the Economic Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Week of 29 June-3 July

Monday, 29 June		
p.m.*		[Election of Vice-Chairman
Tuesday, 30 June	Item 17	Human rights questions
a.m. and p.m.		Introductory statements on items 17 and 16
		General discussion]
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 16
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17
	Item 16	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		General discussion

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* After the plenary meeting has adjourned.

Wednesday, 1 July		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 17	Human rights questions
		General discussion (continued)
	Item 16	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		General discussion (continued)
Thursday, 2 July		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 17	Human rights questions
		General discussion (continued)
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 17
	Item 16	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		General discussion (continued)
Week of 13-17 July		
Wednesday, 15 July		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 17	Human rights questions
		General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session
	Item 16	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 16 July		
a.m.	Item 16	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 16
1 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 16
	Item 18	Advancement of women
		Introductory statements on item 18
		General discussion
Friday, 17 July		
a.m. and p.m.	Item 16	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination
		General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft proposals under item 16
	Item 18	Advancement of women
		General discussion (continued)
Week of 20-24 July		
Monday, 20 July		
a.m.* and p.m.	Item 18	Advancement of women
		General discussion (continued)
1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 18

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* After the conclusion of the consideration in plenary meeting of the Committee's report on human rights questions.

Monday, 20 July (continued)

6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18
	Item 19 (a) and (b)	Social development questions: (a) Crime prevention and criminal justice (b) Social development Introductory statements on item 19 (a) and b) General discussion

Tuesday, 21 July

a.m. and p.m.	Item 18	Advancement of women General discussion (concluded) Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session
	Item 19 (a) and (b)	Social development questions: (a) Crime prevention and criminal justice (b) Social development General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 22 July

a.m. and p.m.	Item 19 (a) and (b)	Social development questions: (a) Crime prevention and criminal justice (b) Social development General discussion (continued) Action on draft proposals submitted under item 18

Wednesday, 22 July (continued)

1 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 19
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19 (a) and (b)
	Item 20	Narcotic drugs
		Introductory statement on item 20
		General discussion

Thursday, 23 July

a.m. and p.m.	Item 19 (a) and (b)	Social development questions:
		(a) Crime prevention and criminal justice
		(b) Social development
		General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 19 (a) and (b)
	Item 20	Narcotic drugs
		General discussion (continued)

Friday, 24 July

a.m. and p.m.	Item 20	Narcotic drugs
		General discussion (continued)
3 p.m.		Closure of list of speakers on item 20
6 p.m.		Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20

Week of 27-31 July

Monday, 27 July

a.m. and p.m.	Item 20	Narcotic drugs
		General discussion (concluded)
		Action on draft recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session
		Action on draft proposals submitted under item 20
		Conclusion of the work of the Social Committee

III. ANNOTATIONS

High-level segment

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its high-level segment of 1992 (decision 1992/205).

Item 2. Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council decided that the high-level segment should be devoted to the consideration of the following major theme: "Enhancing international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system"; that, without prejudice to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264, the duration of the high-level segment with ministerial participation for 1992 should be one to three days; and to invite the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, to provide as a contribution to the high-level segment his views and recommendations on the selected theme (decision 1992/203).

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General containing his views and recommendations on how international cooperation for development could be enhanced in a rapidly changing world, and the role of the United Nations system in that effort.

The Council will also have before it the World Economic Survey, 1992, which provides an overview and analysis of the major issues facing the world economy and discusses growth and development in the different regions and the implications of major trends as well as short- to medium-term prospects.

Chapter II of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session focuses on the question of international cooperation for development and the role of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the enhancement of international cooperation for development: the role of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the operational activities of the United Nations system, including the governance and financing aspects thereof

World Economic Survey, 1992 (E/1992/40)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27, Supp. No. 7)

Item 3. Policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation with heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system

Item 4. Conclusion of the high-level segment with the presentation of a summary by the President

In the annex to resolution 45/264, entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields", the General Assembly set out guidelines for the high-level segment of the Council. Heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system will participate in a one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation, with a view to building areas of understanding. The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment are to be presented to the Council by its President in the form of a summary, which will be incorporated in its final report.

Other segments

Item 1. Election of the Bureau

At its resumed organizational session for 1992, the Council decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Election of the Bureau" to its substantive session of 1992 (decision 1992/215).

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (decision 1992/205).

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Council, should any proposals be submitted for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda, they will be circulated as soon as they are received, and a supplementary list of items will be issued as an addendum to the provisional agenda.

Non-governmental organizations. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/219, requested the Council to review in 1992 the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit (Assembly decision 46/431).

Status of documentation. Attention is drawn to Council resolution 1989/114, section II, relating to documentation, in which the Council decided that the President of the Council and other members of the Bureau should continually monitor, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the status of the preparation of documentation, taking into account relevant decisions on

documentation, and should propose appropriate measures to the Council, after having held informal meetings to be convened at least eight weeks before each session of the Council, bearing in mind the need to adhere to rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council and other relevant rules and regulations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation with regard to the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session

Coordination segment

Item 3. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

(a) Assistance in the eradication of poverty and support to vulnerable groups, including assistance during the implementation of structural adjustment programmes;

(b) Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and programmes addressed to the mitigation of its negative socio-economic consequences.

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council decided that the coordination segment should be devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the above-mentioned themes; and requested the President of the Council and other members of the Bureau to finalize arrangements for the coordination segment on the basis of consultations to be held with members of the Council, bearing in mind that a major feature of the segment would be the participation of heads of the relevant specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in an exchange of views with members of the Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/264 (decision 1992/204).

At its substantive session of 1992, the Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General containing a broad review and assessment of the state of coordination within the United Nations system in the field of poverty alleviation and eradication and possible areas for improving and enhancing such coordination. The report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session contains pertinent analyses and recommendations in chapter V.

The report on HIV/AIDS will focus on the coordination of policies and activities undertaken by organizations of the United Nations system in the various areas of HIV/AIDS prevention and control, as well as the wider socio-economic consequences of the disease. It will provide information about AIDS-related activities now being implemented and make recommendations for

their enhanced coordination. Present constraints to effective coordination will be highlighted and suggestions will be made concerning mechanisms for coordination at the country, regional and global levels.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities relating to assistance in the eradication of poverty and support to vulnerable groups, including assistance during the implementation of structural adjustment programmes (E/1992/47)

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities relating to the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and programmes addressed to the mitigation of its negative socio-economic consequences

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27)

Operational activities segment

Item 4. Operational activities for development

In resolution 35/81, the Assembly decided to undertake a comprehensive policy review of operational activities on the basis of a coherent, integrated and systematic approach. It requested the Secretary-General, for the purpose of the review, to entrust the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation with the preparation of a report on policy issues pertaining to operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system, for submission to the Assembly through the Council, and it provided guidelines to the Director-General regarding the preparation and contents of the report.

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 44/211 on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in which the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Director-General to conduct an independent study aimed at developing, among other possible ways to improve the United Nations system's coordination at the country level, the concept of a document containing the United Nations system's integrated operational response, at the country level, to the national programme framework of the recipient Government for operational activities for development, which would give greater coherence to existing programming instruments, and to submit that study to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, including an analysis containing his views on the impact of that approach, in particular on the role of the resident coordinator, on the leadership role of the United Nations Development Programme and on the relationship and relevance of such an approach vis-à-vis the existing coordinating mechanisms of the United Nations system at the country level, such as National Technical Cooperation Assessment and Programmes and round tables, as well as consultative groups, and possible ways for the implementation of the relevant elements contained therein; to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second

regular session of 1990 a proposed three-year schedule for the implementation of the resolution by all the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and to draw attention to recommendations on which he considered additional guidance was required, particularly those facilitating the full implementation of that resolution, and make available the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation containing his recommendations for the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development (A/44/324-E/1989/106/Add.3); and to submit, for the next three years, annual reports on the implementation of the resolution, on a consolidated system-wide basis, to the Council at its second regular session.

In the same resolution, the Assembly called upon the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to make the adjustments required to implement the relevant provisions of the resolution and to prepare information on the measures taken, to be included, starting in 1991, in the annual reports of the Director-General submitted through the Council to the Assembly.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, reaffirmed the importance of the triennial policy review of operational activities; requested the Director-General to include in his report for the triennial policy review a section on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/211 and recommendations on programming, including the concept of the integrated response of the United Nations system, an analysis of the progress made on and recommendations to promote further national execution, recommendations to strengthen the field representation of the United Nations system, recommendations on a coordinated training strategy for officials involved in operational activities, an assessment of progress made in achieving common premises and a plan for the full achievement of that objective, and an assessment and appropriate recommendations on the contribution of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the enhancement of the national capacities of developing countries in the field of science and technology and human development, the need for a well-defined but flexible management process to guide the implementation of key measures (resolution 46/219).

The restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations was endorsed by the General Assembly in February 1992. That included the merging of the mandates of the former Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation into a newly established Department of Economic and Social Development. The reports requested by the Assembly in resolution 46/219 and other relevant resolutions, which were to have been prepared by the former Director-General, have been prepared by the new Department in accordance with the mandates of the relevant Assembly resolutions.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, in 1992, an analytical report on strengthening the operational activities of the United Nations system, including the governance and financing aspects thereof (decision 46/465).

The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will report on the work of its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 4-29 May 1992), as well as on its organizational meeting and special session (Headquarters, 10-14 February 1992) (Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)).

It is expected that the Governing Council will report, inter alia, on its consideration of the following funds and programmes:

(a) Technical cooperation activities of the United Nations. 2/ The Governing Council of UNDP reports annually to the Economic and Social Council on the technical cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 2029 (XX));

(b) United Nations Population Fund. 3/ The Governing Council of UNDP reports annually to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) and Council resolution 1763 (LIV)). At its organizational session for 1992, the Council decided not to consider the part of the report of UNDP dealing with the United Nations Population Fund, except for recommendations contained therein that required action by the Council (decision 1992/208 C).

Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes. The Committee submits an annual report to the Council (Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)). The Committee will adopt its seventeenth annual report, covering the year 1991, at its thirty-third session (Rome, 25-29 May 1992).

United Nations Children's Fund. 3/ The Executive Board of UNICEF reports annually to the Council (Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)). Its annual session will be held at Headquarters from 15 to 26 June 1992.

World Summit for Children. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly, welcoming the adoption by the World Summit for Children, on 30 September 1990, of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for its implementation (A/45/625, annex), decided to consider at its forty-seventh session the question of the implementation of the Declaration, in particular the response of the United Nations system, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 45/217).

2/ Will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1992.

3/ Will be considered by the General Assembly in 1992.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the operational activities of the United Nations system, including the governance and financing aspects thereof

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1992/28, Supp. No. 8)

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1992/29, Supp. No. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children

Item 5. Technical cooperation among developing countries as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council decided to consider, under its operational activities segment, the question of technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC) as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields (decision 1992/205). The Council will consider the progress made and constraints faced in enhancing the wide use of the TCDC modality at the various stages of the project cycle. The discussion will pay special attention to the use of TCDC and the priority it should be given in programme and project implementation.

The Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the application of the use of technical cooperation among developing countries in the design, formulation and implementation of projects. The report will comprise a review of resolutions and decisions dealing with this particular aspect, the progress made in utilizing TCDC, and an elaboration of issues involved in enhancing the application of TCDC in all phases of the project cycle. Specific recommendations will be highlighted for consideration.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the application of the use of technical cooperation among developing countries in the design, formulation and implementation of projects

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Item 6. Coordination questions

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies

Reports of CPC and ACC

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) on the first part of its thirty-second session (Headquarters, 4-29 May 1992) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

ACC submits an annual report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)) in order to provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the ACC machinery over the past 12 months. It will include a section on the most effective ways and means of enhancing coordination in the mineral and energy sectors (Council resolution 1991/90).

The Council will have before it the report of the Chairmen of CPC and ACC on the twenty-sixth series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees, held at Headquarters on 18 and 22-23 October 1991.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-second session (A/47/16, part I)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1991 (E/1992/11 and Add.1 and 2)

Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the Joint Meetings of the two Committees (Council resolutions 1171 (XLI), 1472 (XLVIII) and 2008 (LX)) (E/1991/143)

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council requested its President to continue to

maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid and to report thereon to the Council; it requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992 (resolution 1991/68). At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Council to continue, as appropriate, to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, appropriate measures for the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the Assembly (resolution 46/65).

The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 46/20 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The Council reviews annually, in consultation with the Special Committee against Apartheid, the assistance provided by agencies and institutions of the United Nations system in the context of General Assembly resolution 33/183 K.

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 2100 (LXIII)). At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/46/204-E/1991/80 and Add.1), reiterated its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, called for facilitation of the establishment of Palestinian development banks in the occupied Palestinian territory, with a view to promoting investment, production, employment and income therein, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 46/201).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its second regular session of 1991, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a study analysing the causes of the lack of access of Member States to existing United Nations informatics systems and providing an outline of a rapid solution to the problem, leading to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access to United Nations computerized databases and information systems and services, which are of great importance to all States, in particular to the developing countries, and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992 (resolution 1991/70).

Also at its second regular session of 1991, the Council, taking note of the report on international cooperation in the field of informatics prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (E/1991/104, annex), recommended that more effective use be made of the existing coordinating mechanisms, with a view to regular consultations and coordination concerning informatics within the United Nations system. The Council decided to keep this issue under review and to examine it at its regular session of 1992 and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/71).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on harmonization and improvement of United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the field of informatics

Item 7. Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

At its second regular session of 1990, the Council stressed the need for the full and speedy implementation of the provisions of its resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114 and decided to review in 1992 the implementation of the measures agreed upon for the revitalization of the Council, pursuant to its responsibilities for promoting international economic and social cooperation and in accordance with the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations (resolution 1990/69). At its organizational session for 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to it on the further implementation of Council resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114 and General Assembly resolution 45/264.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Item 8. Programme and related questions

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. The Council will have before it the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 covering activities in the economic, social and related fields. The Council will examine the revisions in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter (Council resolution 1988/77).

Discontinuance of summary records. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council decided to review in 1992 the question of summary records of all its subsidiary bodies (decision 1991/295).

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-second session (A/47/16, part I)

Item 9. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

(a) Special programmes of economic assistance

Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda. The Secretary-General apprises the Council annually of the status of this question (resolution 1983/46).

The Council will hear oral reports on the implementation of a number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Written reports will be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session. A brief summary of the main provisions of these resolutions is given below:

Resolution 46/176 on emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation prevailing in Somalia, to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the resolution, to apprise the Economic and Social Council in 1992 of the progress made and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

Resolution 46/178 on emergency assistance to the Sudan and Operation Lifeline Sudan, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to assess the progress of the evolving emergency situation, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on, and to apprise the

Economic and Social Council of, all matters connected with the implementation of emergency and relief operations in the Sudan.

The Council will also have before it the following reports:

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council called on all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to provide all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council in 1992 a report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/61);

Assistance to Yemen. Also at its second regular session of 1991, the Council urged the international community to continue to respond to United Nations resolutions concerning assistance to Yemen in order to enable it to formulate and implement short- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council in 1992 (resolution 1991/62).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Yemen

(b) Humanitarian assistance

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly called upon the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief, repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa; requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to continue his efforts to mobilize adequate financial and material assistance for the full implementation of ongoing projects in rural and urban areas affected by the presence of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa; and requested him to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, and an oral report to the Economic and Social Council in 1992 (resolution 46/108).

(c) Disaster relief coordination

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI), the Secretary-General submits a report on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator to the Assembly and the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator

Item 10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports annually to the General Assembly through the Council, in conformity with paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex).

At its fifty-first session, in 1971, the Council decided that the report of the High Commissioner should be transmitted to the Assembly without debate, unless the Council decided otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda (resolution 1623 (LI), sect. II).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [4]

Item 11. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions. At its first regular session of 1979, the Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of the reports of the regional commissions (decision 1979/1). The reports are transmitted directly to all Member States. The Secretary-General, in his annual report on regional cooperation, in addition to reporting on the meetings of the executive secretaries, highlights developments within each region and draws the Council's attention to specific issues requiring its consideration. The report of the Secretary-General will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. A section of the report will deal with the question of strengthening the role of the regional commissions to promote subregional, regional and interregional cooperation (decision 1992/206).

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested each regional commission, within existing resources, to contribute to the prevention of the illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes by monitoring and making regional assessments of the illegal traffic and its environmental and health implications, on a continuing basis in each region, and requested the Council to submit recommendations to the Assembly on the

findings and conclusions of the regional commissions, in accordance with the consideration of environmental issues (resolution 44/226, sect. I). The report of the regional commissions on this question will be annexed to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation.

A Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994 was proclaimed by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session (resolution 39/227). The Council, at its second regular session of 1984, and the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, requested the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities and support to the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in their development of the regional action programme for the Decade in a practical and integrated manner and to mobilize the necessary international support for the successful implementation of the programmes for the Decade (Council resolution 1984/78 and Assembly resolution 39/227).

At its second regular session of 1991, the Council endorsed resolution 47/10 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on phase II of the Decade; urged all appropriate international organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute effectively to the formulation and implementation of a regional action programme for the second quinquennium of the Decade; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its regular session of 1992 and every two years thereafter until the end of the Decade a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/75).

Also at its second regular session of 1991, the Council adopted resolution 1991/81 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000). Subsequent to the adoption of that resolution, the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), at its fourth session, adopted resolution GC.4/Res.8 on the Decade (see A/C.2/46/19, annex), in which it recommended the adoption of the programme for the Decade (CAMI.10:ICE/1991/6/vols. 1 and 2) to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Council. At its forty-sixth session, the Assembly endorsed Council resolution 1991/81 and took note with appreciation of resolution GC.4/Res.8 of the General Conference of UNIDO (decision 46/458).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1991 (E/1992/19)

Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1991 (E/1992/39)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1990-1991 (E/1992/42)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1991-1992 (E/1992/45)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1991 (E/1992/52)

Report of the Secretary-General on phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (E/1992/14 and Add.1)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit brought to the attention of the Council:

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Second report on the cost-benefit of office accommodation at ECLAC, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago)" and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (E/1992/21 and Add.1)

Item 12. Development and international economic cooperation

The Council will have before it the World Economic Survey, 1992, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1983/50. The World Economic Survey, 1992 will contain seven chapters. Chapter I will provide an overview of the world economy in 1991, a summary of the major current and emerging issues and an assessment of short-term prospects. Chapter II will examine output trends and policies in the three main groups of countries: the developed market economies, the economies in transition and the developing countries. The major trends and issues in international trade will be examined in chapter III, which will also contain an analysis of the results of the Uruguay Round. Chapter IV will examine the main developments in savings, investment, international transfer of resources in the three main groups of countries and the issue of external debt of the developing countries. Chapter V will examine trends and issues of energy supply and use and will include an analysis of the energy situation in the least developed countries. A preliminary analysis of the related issues of conversion of military facilities to civilian uses and the peace dividend will be undertaken in chapter VI. The General Assembly, in resolution 45/188, called for inclusion in the Survey of a chapter on issues related to entrepreneurship. Chapter VII will examine some of those issues.

The Committee for Development Planning will report on the work of its twenty-eighth session (20-24 April 1992) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI)). Its report will include four main chapters. Chapter II considers the role of the United Nations in the framework of international economic cooperation, emphasizing its unique role as a universal forum providing equal access to all Member States, where socio-economic issues can be analysed in their political context. Chapter III provides a policy-oriented analysis of likely trends and prospects for the world economy during the period 1992-2000 and their implications for achieving the objectives of the International

Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, with special reference to (a) changes in the international training environment and the outcome of the GATT negotiations and (b) the progress of economic reforms in eastern and central Europe. Chapter IV examines issues related to the environment, development and poverty. It focuses on a methodological approach to eliminate the apparent conflict between poverty reduction through economic development and environmental sustainability. Chapter V examines the political economy of the policy reform process, paying particular attention to reform efforts in sub-Saharan Africa and the socialist countries of Asia. It considers in particular (a) how adjustment programmes may affect the distribution of income and the incidence of poverty, (b) how short- and medium-term policies are linked to longer-term prospects and (c) the relationships among economic reform, human rights and political reform.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, taking note of paragraph (b) of Council decision 1991/275 on chapter V of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session (E/1991/32), noted with appreciation the new criteria for identifying the least developed among the developing countries; requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its eighth session on the resources and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for them for the 1990s, and to follow that report to the Conference with a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the same subject (General Assembly resolution 46/206).

Support of the international community for the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly, welcoming the merger on 22 May 1990 of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to form a single sovereign State called the Republic of Yemen, requested the Secretary-General to assist in mobilizing resources and to consider, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/222, developing a comprehensive programme to assess the needs of Yemen resulting from the unification, in order to enable the international community to extend assistance to meet those needs. It also requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council (resolution 45/193).

Patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council noted that the High-level Meeting of Experts on Social Development Indicators, envisaged by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/234, had been held at Rabat from 8 to 11 April 1991 under the auspices of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development; requested the Secretary-General to organize another high-level meeting of experts, with a view to further advancing the work on qualitative indicators of development on the basis of the outcome of the first high-level meeting and the necessary further research, bearing in mind the need to ensure wider participation and collaboration of different scientific

and technical disciplines; requested the Statistical Commission to keep the issue of patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development under consideration, with a view to assisting the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in their appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and, in particular, the mid-term review; and requested the Secretary-General to report orally to the Council in 1992 on the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/94).

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187. In its resolution 42/186, the General Assembly adopted the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, contained in the annex to that resolution, as a broad framework to guide national action and international cooperation on policies and programmes aimed at achieving environmentally sound development, and specifically as a guide to the preparation of further system-wide medium-term environment programmes and the medium-term programmes of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in the light of decision 14/13 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and requested the governing bodies of relevant United Nations organizations to report regularly to the Assembly on the progress made in achieving the objectives of environmentally sound and sustainable development in line with paragraph 114 of the Environmental Perspective. In its resolution 42/187, the Assembly, noting that the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond had taken account of the main recommendations contained in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, welcomed the report of the World Commission, entitled "Our Common Future" (A/42/427, annex), and requested the Secretary-General to review and coordinate on a regular basis the efforts of all the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to pursue sustainable development, and to report thereon to the Assembly through the Governing Council and the Council. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 (A/44/350) and requested the Secretary-General to prepare for submission to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and for further submission to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Governing Council of UNEP and the Economic and Social Council, a new consolidated report on the further substantive follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (resolution 44/227).

Cooperation in fisheries in Africa. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, in close consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council in 1992, a report on cooperation in fisheries in Africa, including recommendations for its enhancement, and to include in his report ways and means to develop the potential capabilities of developing countries in fisheries, including economic and technical cooperation, particularly among

developing countries (resolution 45/184). At its second regular session of 1991, the Council expressed satisfaction with the significant progress made by the follow-up committee of the Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean; took note with satisfaction of the convening of the second session of the Ministerial Conference at Dakar from 1 to 5 July 1991; and invited the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the Chairman of the Conference, to submit a report, as appropriate, to the Council on the progress made and the results obtained (resolution 1991/73).

Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia. At its second regular session of 1991, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other international and national development assistance organizations, to undertake a study to assess the extent of the problem of aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia and to provide a framework for national and international cooperative efforts, and to submit the study to the Council in 1992 (resolution 1991/97).

Protection against products harmful to health and the environment. The question of the exchange of information on banned hazardous chemicals and unsafe pharmaceutical products has been considered by the General Assembly since its thirty-fourth session, in 1979 (resolution 34/173). In resolution 39/229, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, through the Council, to inform the Assembly every three years about the implementation of that resolution and of Assembly resolutions 37/137 and 38/149. These resolutions form the mandate for the issuance of regular updates of the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale Have Been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or not Approved by Governments. They also address the need to keep the format of the Consolidated List under continuing review, in cooperation with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to its improvement, taking into account its complementary nature, the experience obtained and the views expressed by Governments. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in the context of the preparation of his next scheduled report on the question, to make specific suggestions on ways and means of providing technical cooperation, including through appropriate United Nations organizations, to countries, in particular developing countries, to create and strengthen their capacity to utilize the Consolidated List; and to study all the pending issues, such as sustainable alternatives to banned and severely restricted products and unregistered pesticides, with a focus on improving the usefulness of the Consolidated List (resolution 44/226, sect. II).

At its second regular session of 1986, the Council requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to submit to the Council, on a biennial basis, a summary of the main research findings of the United Nations system on major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues (resolution 1986/51, part VI).

Documentation

World Economic Survey, 1992 (E/1992/40)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27, Supp. No. 7)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resources and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/193

Report of the Secretary-General on the further substantive follow-up of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (A/47/121-E/1992/15)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, water-logging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia (E/1992/53)

Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment

Report of the Secretary-General on the main research findings of the system on major global economic and social trends, policies and emerging issues (E/1992/46)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its special session

(a) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, starting on 1 January 1991, and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, as contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 45/199. In accordance with the Strategy, review and appraisal relating directly to the progress of the Strategy as a whole is to be carried out biennially by the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, with an item on the implementation of the Strategy included in their agendas. The Secretary-General should submit appropriate recommendations in order to assist this process of review and appraisal.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1991/27, chaps. III and IV)

(b) Trade and development

The Council will consider the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session (Geneva, 21 April-1 May 1992) and transmit directly to the General Assembly the report of the Board on the first part of its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 21 September-2 October 1992) (decision 1992/208 A).

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-eighth session (A/47/15, Supp. No. 15, vol. I)

(c) Food and agricultural development

The Council will review the report of the World Food Council on the work of its eighteenth session (Assembly resolution 3348 (XXIX)). In doing so, the Council will not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the World Food Council (decision 1992/207). 4/

4/ The report of the World Food Council will be considered by the General Assembly in 1992.

Review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development. A report on progress in land reform was regularly submitted to the Economic and Social Council on the basis of Council resolution 370 (XIII) of 7 September 1951. The reports were usually prepared jointly by the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation and were usually submitted every four years. At its first regular session of 1980, the Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of progress reports on land reform (decision 1980/100, para. 5). The question of the type of report required for consideration of this matter by the Council was taken up at each of its sessions in 1981. At its second regular session of 1981, the Council took note of the report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on land reform and rural development (E/1981/73) and decided to approve the suggestion contained in paragraph 29 thereof concerning the submission to the Council every four years, beginning in 1984, of a report entitled "Review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development" (decision 1981/185).

Fight against the screw-worm infestation. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council took note of the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (E/1991/62, annex) and of the note by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) (E/1991/113, annex); and invited the Director-General of FAO, in cooperation with IFAD, to submit to the Economic and Social Council in 1992 an up-to-date report on the screw-worm eradication programme (resolution 1991/59).

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council on its eighteenth session (A/47/19, Supp. No. 19)

Report on the review and analysis of agrarian reform and rural development (E/1992/38)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of Council resolution 1991/59 on the screw-worm eradication programme

(d) International cooperation in tax matters

The Council reviews the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters every two years (resolution 1980/13). It will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the 6th meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (Geneva, 9-13 December 1991).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/1992/8,

(e) Transnational corporations

The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session (Headquarters, 23-24 January and 8-15 April 1992) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the session in decision 1991/285.

The report of the Commission is expected to include the recommendations of the Commission on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and follow-up to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons established to conduct the public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa (Council resolution 1986/1). In that resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council on the implementation of the resolution. In resolution 1991/54, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare studies on the level and form of operation by transnational corporations in South Africa and an updated study on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa in violation of relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, and to report annually to the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council on the implementation of resolution 1991/54.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its eighteenth session (E/1992/26, Supp. No. 6)

(f) International Conference on Population and Development

At its second regular session of 1989, the Council decided to convene in 1994 an international meeting on population and designated the Population Commission as the preparatory committee (resolution 1989/91). At its second regular session of 1991, the Council decided that the meeting should henceforth be called the International Conference on Population and Development; requested the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to provide overall guidance, orientation and coordination of the input from the appropriate secretariats of the United Nations system to the preparatory activities of the Conference; and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to report to the Council in 1992, 1993 and 1994 on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference (resolution 1991/93).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference

(g) Development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/250, the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy reports to the General Assembly through the Council. The Council will review the report of the Committee on the work of its sixth session (Headquarters, 3-14 February 1992). 5/ In doing so, the Council will not consider new draft proposals, except for specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the Committee. The substantive themes selected by the Committee for consideration at its sixth session are (a) contribution of new and renewable sources of energy to decentralized energy systems and to specific multi-purpose medium- to large-scale applications; and (b) promotion of rapid and effective transfer of technology in the field of new and renewable sources of energy to developing countries, including the role of joint ventures in the framework of North-South and South-South cooperation, in fulfilment of the goals and objectives of the Nairobi Programme of Action, with a view to taking due account of the potential contribution of those sources to sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its sixth session (A/47/36, Supp. No. 36)

(h) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, reaffirmed its resolutions 40/208 and 43/193 and called for the effective implementation of all their provisions; welcomed the report of the Secretary-General on energy exploration and development trends in developing countries (A/45/274-E/1990/73 and Corr.1) and the outline of a programme of action for the acceleration of energy exploration and development in developing countries, contained therein; and requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council (resolution 45/209).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/209

5/ The report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy will be considered by the General Assembly in 1992.

(i) International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences for Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, through his Personal Representative, to render assistance to the members of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the formulation and implementation of a coordinated and consolidated programme of action comprising costed project profiles, to help identify all possible resources for the programme of action and, inter alia, for strengthening the environmental capacities of the members of the Regional Organization to surmount the problem, and to allocate, within existing resources, the minimum resources required to enable his Personal Representative to continue to help coordinate the activities of the United Nations system to that end, and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 46/216).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/216

(j) Consumer protection

At its second regular session of 1990, the Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 39/248, in which the Assembly adopted guidelines for consumer protection, and its own resolution 1988/61, requested the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to continue to provide assistance to Governments, in particular those of developing countries and other interested countries, in implementing the guidelines, and to develop a programme of action through 1995 in that regard. The Council also urged all Governments to continue their efforts to implement the guidelines and to collaborate in joint efforts for the protection of consumers. It also requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council in 1992 on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1990/85).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection (E/1992/48)

(k) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the serious socio-economic consequences of the AIDS pandemic and its negative impact on development in many developing countries, in collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to utilize fully the research, analytical capacity and experience of the United Nations system in the planning of multisectoral

activities and the earmarking of funds for countries requesting assistance for those activities, and also requested the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with all other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report through the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the resolution, taking into account the health aspects and all other dimensions of the pandemic (resolution 46/203).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Item 13. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly reaffirmed the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the Syrian Golan to their natural and economic resources, and regarded any infringement thereof as being without any legal validity; and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council (resolution 46/199).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Syrian Golan

Item 14. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190 (A/46/215-E/1991/76/Rev.1); requested the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the coordination of efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in accordance with its resolution 45/190; and requested him to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-severth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 46/150).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/150

Item 15. Public administration and finance

The Council reviews the question of public administration and finance every two years, following the meeting of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (Council resolution 1199 (XLII)). At its first regular session of 1989, the Council, taking note of the report of the Ninth Meeting of Experts, requested the Secretary-General to convene the Tenth Meeting in 1991 (decision 1989/114). The Tenth Meeting of Experts was held at Headquarters from 4 to 13 September 1991 (Council decision 1991/205).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Tenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (E/1992/13)

Item 16. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination with a view to submitting to the General Assembly the Council's report as requested in paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 39/16. The report will also contain an analysis of the replies received from Governments on action taken under the Programme of Action.

At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the 10-year period beginning on 10 December 1983 the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; approved the Programme of Action for the Second Decade annexed to the resolution and called upon all States to cooperate in its implementation; and requested the Council to take charge, with the help of the Secretary-General, of coordinating the implementation of the Programme of Action and of evaluating the activities undertaken during the Second Decade (resolution 38/14).

At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly decided upon specific action to be carried out during the period 1985-1989; requested Governments to forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme of Action, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General, which reports would be transmitted to the Council for its consideration; requested the Council, during the period of the Decade, to submit an annual report to the Assembly, containing: (a) an enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, (b) a review and appraisal of those activities and (c) its suggestions and recommendations (resolution 39/16). At its forty-second session, the General Assembly approved the plan of activities for the period 1990-1993 (resolution 42/47).

At its first regular session of 1985, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit annual reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade (resolution 1985/19). At its first regular session of 1987, the Council requested the Secretary-General to present, in his future annual reports to the Council on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, more detailed information on the relevant activities of all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (resolution 1987/2). At its first regular session of 1990, the Council adopted resolution 1990/49 on this subject.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to implement immediately those activities scheduled for the period 1985-1989 not yet carried out and to proceed with the implementation of the activities scheduled for the biennium 1990-1991; requested him, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 42/47, 44/52 and 45/105, to ensure that the necessary and additional resources were included in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to provide for the implementation of the activities of the Second Decade; and requested him to inform the Assembly of the steps taken in that regard; requested him also to continue to accord the highest priority, in executing the plan of activities, to measures for combating apartheid; took note of the report on the activities of the Second Decade and reiterated its request to the Economic and Social Council, throughout the Decade, to submit a report annually to the General Assembly (resolution 46/85).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including an analysis of replies from Governments on action taken under the Programme of Action

Item 17. Human rights questions

At its resumed organizational session, the Council, by decision 1992/221 of 29 May 1992, in accordance with its decision 1992/219 of 30 April 1992, decided to authorize the Secretariat to take provisional administrative measures related to the mandates adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session on a temporary basis and until a formal decision on those mandates was taken by the Council at its substantive session, it being understood that the provisional administrative measures should not be construed or interpreted as a confirmation of the mandates, which could only be done by the Council after a substantive discussion.

The Council will consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its forty-fourth session and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixth session, as well as the report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The Council will also consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session (Geneva, 27 January-6 March 1992). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/264.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. In accordance with article 45 of the Covenant, the Human Rights Committee reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. In 1992, the Human Rights Committee is to hold its forty-fourth session at Headquarters from 23 March to 10 April, its forty-fifth session at Geneva from 13 to 31 July and its forty-sixth session at Geneva from 19 October to 6 November.

It will be recalled that, at its organizational session for 1985, the Council agreed that the Human Rights Committee would transmit to the Council, on a regular basis, the text of the general comments adopted by the Committee in accordance with article 40, paragraph 4, of the Covenant; and, without prejudice to further consideration of the present arrangements at a future session, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report of the Human Rights Committee directly to the General Assembly (decision 1985/105).

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, entrusted by the Council, as from 1987, with overseeing the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17), will report on its sixth session, held at Geneva from 25 November to 13 December 1991. It will be recalled that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 3 January 1976. Under article 16 of the Covenant, States parties to the Covenant undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant. The Secretary-General is required to transmit copies of the reports to the Council for its consideration. The Secretary-General is also required to transmit to the specialized agencies copies of the reports, or any relevant parts thereof, from States parties to the Covenant which are also members of those specialized agencies in so far as they relate to matters that fall within the purview of the agencies in accordance with their constitutional instruments.

At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council laid down the procedures for the implementation of the Covenant (resolution 1988 (LX)). The Council set out a programme under which States parties would furnish, in biennial stages, the reports referred to in article 16 of the Covenant, as follows: first stage, rights covered by articles 6 to 9; second stage, rights covered by articles 10 to 12; third stage, rights covered by articles 13 to 15. The Council also called upon the specialized agencies to submit to the Council

reports on the progress made in the observance of the provisions of the Covenant falling within the scope of their activities, as provided for under article 18 of the Covenant.

At its first regular session of 1985, the Council decided, while maintaining the current programme of biennial reports for the first cycle of the reporting procedure under article 16 of the Covenant, to prolong by one year the periodicity of reporting under the second and subsequent cycles of the reporting procedure (decision 1985/132). At its first regular session of 1988, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that States parties be requested to submit a single report within two years of the entry into force of the Covenant for the State party concerned and, thereafter, at five-year intervals (resolution 1988/4).

At its first regular session of 1978, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1988 (LX), the Council decided to establish, for the purpose of assisting it in the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant, a sessional working group composed of 15 members of the Council which were also States parties to the Covenant (decision 1978/10). At its first regular session of 1985, the Council decided that the Working Group established by Council decision 1978/10 and modified by Council decision 1981/158 and resolution 1982/33 should be renamed "Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights"; that the Committee should have 18 members who should be experts with recognized competence in the field of human rights, serving in their personal capacity, due consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of different forms of social and legal systems; that the Committee should meet annually for a period of up to three weeks, taking into account the number of reports to be examined; and that it should submit to the Council a report on its activities and make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant; the Council also decided to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee at its first regular session of 1990, and subsequently every five years, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution of its membership (resolution 1985/17).

Committee on the Rights of the Child. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex). In accordance with article 43 of the Convention, the States parties, at their 1st meeting, held at Headquarters on 27 February 1991, elected the 10 members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties. The Committee held its first session at Geneva from 30 September to 18 October 1991 and is to hold its second session, in 1992, at Geneva, at a date to be determined. In accordance with article 44 of the Convention, the Committee shall submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, every two years, reports on its activities. The attention of the Council is drawn to Assembly resolution 46/112 on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Commission on Human Rights. The report of the Commission is expected to include its response to the following resolutions:

(a) Assembly resolution 45/84, in which the Assembly, inter alia, decided to examine at its forty-seventh session, as a matter of high priority, the question entitled "Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist regime in South Africa", in the light of any recommendations which the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Commission on Human Rights, the Economic and Social Council and the Special Committee against Apartheid may wish to submit to it;

(b) Assembly resolution 46/115, in which the Assembly encouraged the Commission on Human Rights to complete the final text of the draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities as soon as possible and to transmit it for adoption to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Assembly resolution 46/123, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Council, on the future course of action on the right to development, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration on the Right to Development;

(d) Assembly resolution 46/130, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission, at its forty-eighth session, to give priority to the review of the fundamental factors that negatively affect the observance of the principle of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes, and to report to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Council;

(e) Assembly resolution 46/134, in which the Assembly decided to continue the examination of the situation of human rights in Iraq during its forty-seventh session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Council;

(f) Assembly resolution 46/136, in which the Assembly decided to keep under consideration, during its forty-seventh session, the situation of human rights in Afghanistan in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Council.

At its forty-fifth session, in connection with regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region, the General Assembly, in resolution 45/168, inter alia, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question (A/45/210-E/1990/21) and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, incorporating information on progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 45/168.

Suppression of the traffic in persons. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, in 1992, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that had not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (resolution 1991/35).

Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Council; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its regular session of 1992, for consideration and action, as appropriate, a report on the implementation of the resolution, which will contain the report of the ILO Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association (resolution 1991/37).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee on its forty-fourth session

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixth session (E/1992/23, Supp. No. 3)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-eighth session (E/1992/22, Supp. No. 2)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (A/47/184-E/1992/44)

Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others (E/1992/49)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1991/37 on the infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the relevant section of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights (E/1992/41)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-eighth session (E/1992/27, chap. V, sect. E)

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

Reports submitted by the specialized agencies in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX)

Summary records of the sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Item 18. Advancement of women

The Council will consider the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its eleventh session (Headquarters, 20-31 January 1992), the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-sixth session (Vienna, 11-20 March 1992) and the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Santo Domingo, 17-21 February 1992). The Council will also have before it the preliminary report outlining the proposed framework of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/231.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). The Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women. In accordance with Council resolution 1987/24 on the long-term programme of work of the Commission to the year 2000, the following three priority themes are to be considered by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session: under equality, elimination of de jure and de facto discrimination against women; under development, integration of women in the process of development; under peace, equal participation in all efforts to promote international cooperation, peace and disarmament. Pursuant to Council decision 1990/213, the question of women and the environment is also to be considered as a priority theme under the objective of development. The report of the Commission is expected to include recommendations on the following:

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. In its resolution 1988/22, the Council established a comprehensive reporting system to monitor, review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and decided that the biennial reports of the Secretary-General on monitoring of progress made by the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Forward-looking Strategies should be considered by the Commission on the Status of Women in even-numbered years beginning in 1990.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council decided to establish the Institute as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations, funded through voluntary contributions; it also decided on guidelines for the Institute (resolution 1998 (LX)). The statute of the Board was approved by the Council and endorsed by the General Assembly (Council decision 1984/124 and Assembly resolution 39/249). The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

System-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development. At its second regular session of 1989, the Council endorsed the timetable proposed by the Secretary-General for the preparation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (E/1989/9), in which a preliminary report outlining the proposed framework of the plan is to be submitted to the Council in 1992 through the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee for Programme and Coordination. The Council will have before it the views of both those bodies on the matter. The detailed plan will be elaborated on the basis of the comments of those bodies. The proposed plan will be submitted to the Council in 1993 in time to provide guidance for the preparation of the individual medium-term plans of the system for the 1996-2001 cycle (resolution 1989/105).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its eleventh session (A/47/38, Supp. No. 38)

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session (E/1992/24, Supp. No. 4)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/1992/18)

Preliminary report outlining the proposed framework of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (E/1992/6)

Item 19. Social development questions

(a) Crime prevention and criminal justice

At its organizational session for 1992, the Council adopted the Statement of Principles and Programme of Action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/152; and decided to dissolve the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and to establish the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice as a functional commission of the Council, in accordance with the Statement of Principles and Programme of Action, paragraphs 23-26 of which contained the terms of reference of the Commission (resolution 1992/1). The Council decided that the first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice would be held at Vienna from 21 to 30 April 1992 (decision 1992/201), and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the first session (decision 1992/202).

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its first session (E/1992/30, Supp. No. 10)

(b) Social development

Cooperatives and new trends in socio-economic development. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, commended the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the cooperative movement (A/44/79-E/1989/8); requested him to follow closely national experience in promoting cooperatives and also, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 44/58).

World social situation. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly took note of the interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (A/46/56-E/1991/6 and Corr.1); noted with concern that the interim report of the Secretary-General did not adequately focus on the continuing deterioration of the economic and social situation in many developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, which was the prevailing problem in many of those countries; endorsed the request of the Council, contained in paragraph 4 of its resolution 1991/4, that the Secretary-General reorient the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation so that the draft framework was in consonance with the requests set forth in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72 (Assembly resolution 46/95). The Council, in resolution 1991/4, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation for consideration at its regular session of 1992.

Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council, at its next session, to give its views on the continuation of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with new terms of reference in response to General Assembly resolution 45/91, and to submit its recommendations to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 46/96).

World summit for social development. The Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1991, taking into account the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session (E/1991/26) and bearing in mind the discussions held in the Second (Social) Committee, decided to request the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all States Members of the Organization on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development and to report to it on the matter in 1992 (decision 1991/230). At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, after considering the report of the Secretary-General requested in decision 1991/230, called upon the Council to make an appropriate recommendation to the Assembly at its forty-seventh session (Assembly resolution 46/139).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (A/47/216-E/1992/43)

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation (E/1992/17)

Note by the Secretary-General on the continuation of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (A/47/214-E/1992/50)

Report of the Secretary-General on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development

Item 20. Narcotic drugs

The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session (Vienna, 30 March-8 April 1992) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its resolution 1991/39.

At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly authorized the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to approve, on the basis of the Executive Director's proposals, both the budget of the programme of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the administrative and programme support costs budget, other than expenditures borne by the United Nations regular budget, and requested the Commission to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session through the Economic and Social Council on the ways in which it planned to carry out the administrative and financial functions (resolution 46/185 C, sect. XVI, para. 2).

Also at its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly reiterated its invitation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to consider, at its thirty-fifth session, in 1992, the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to Study the Economic and Social Consequences of Illicit Traffic in Drugs, together with the comments of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, with a view to recommending appropriate follow-up activity, and to report on this issue, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 46/103, sect. II).

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 1991.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-fifth session (E/1992/25, Supp. No. 5)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1991 (E/1992/10)

Item 21. Establishment of new subsidiary bodies of the Council

At its resumed organizational session the Council decided to abolish its Committee on Natural Resources, and to establish a functional Commission on Science and Technology for Development, a Committee on Natural Resources and a Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235; and requested the Secretary-General to submit, for approval by the Council at its substantive session of 1992, the consolidated mandates of the new subsidiary bodies in accordance with the provisions of Assembly resolution 46/235, as well as a draft provisional agenda for the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and recommendations for the programme of work of the Committee on Natural Resources (decision 1992/218).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the consolidated mandates of the new subsidiary bodies of the Council, including the draft provisional agenda for the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and recommendations for the programme of work of the Committee on Natural Resources

Item 22. Elections

At its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure, the Council will hold elections for the membership of its new subsidiary bodies, namely, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development (decision 1992/216).

By its decision 1992/222 of 29 May 1992, the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with its decision 1992/219 of 30 April 1992, decided on the following regional allocation of seats in the three subsidiary bodies established by its decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (53 members)

(a) Thirteen seats for African States;

(b) Eleven seats for Asian States;

(c) Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(d) Six seats for Eastern European States;

(e) Thirteen seats for Western European and other States.

Committee on Natural Resources (24 members) 6/

(a) Six seats for African States;

(b) Five seats for Asian States;

(c) Four seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(d) Three seats for Eastern European States;

(e) Six seats for Western European and other States.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development (24 members) 6/

(a) Six seats for African States;

(b) Five seats for Asian States;

(c) Four seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(d) Three seats for Eastern European States;

(e) Six seats for Western European and other States.

6/ Comprising government-nominated experts from different member States possessing the necessary qualifications and professional or scientific knowledge, who will act in their personal capacity, elected by the Economic and Social Council.